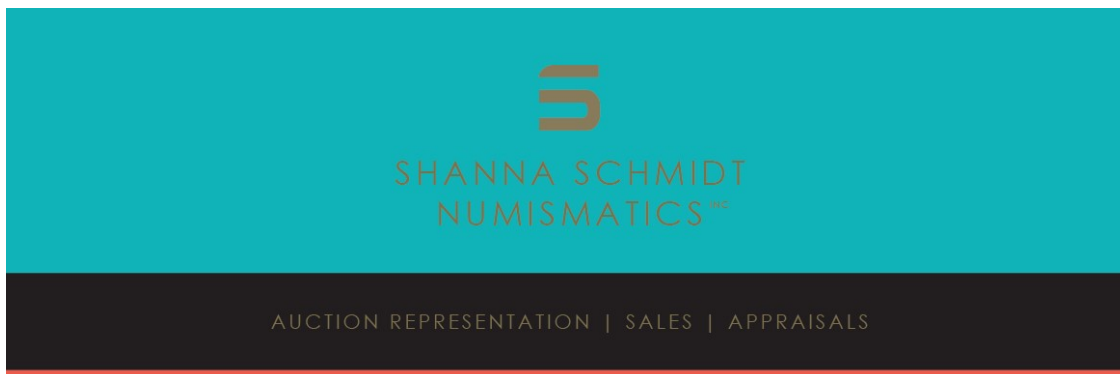


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Newsletter #88:

What's New at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.

Hello from Osnabrück, Germany. Have any of you ever visited the Künker offices? This is my second trip here and I know that I will be a regular visitor moving forward. First off, the offices are first rate; very modern and thoughtfully planned out. The hotel where the auctions are held is also a great place. It is hands down the best breakfast I've ever had in Europe. It isn't just about food and offices though. Künker happens to have a very nice group of coins for their Fall auctions. Lots of great pedigrees and some real rarities. The world coin section is also fantastic. For one that really likes German thalers it is a dream come true. I'll end my European adventure by visiting Gorny & Mosch and view their auction. I'm sure next week's newsletter will give you a better impression of their sale.

A note on my representation services: With all these auctions happening I've gotten quite a few emails asking me what my terms are. Since not all auction houses do the same thing for dealers it is always best just to email or call me to ask my terms. I always do my best to make it easy for clients to choose to work with me in auctions. What you get is my advice, research and viewing notes (for those that I am there in person) and more importantly no hassle when it comes to importation or just paying the bill. Just reach out if you want to know more.

Here is what else is happening this week.

Numismatik Naumann Auction 70 (Oct 7)

Naumann has 968 coins that will be auctioned on October 7th. There are some very reasonably priced pieces in this auction. I noticed a few pretty rare types that have sold for quite a bit more in recent European live auctions. Naumann sales are fairly easy to participate in but as always please let me know if you want to work with me on it. I'm a regular customer with them so importation and bidding is rather easy.

Künker Fall auctions (Oct 5-12)

Künker has a whole week of auctions in Osnabrück starting today. The ancients portion will start on October 8 which features an impressive Celtic collection from the consignor "Dr. W.R.". Those that have received the catalog by mail will notice that a lot of work was put in to the attribution and explanation of the lots. A good half of the catalog is dedicated to it and I presume it will become a standard reference for many collectors. The rest of the auction is made up of heavily pedigreed coins from the Eberhard Link Collection. Most of the coins have some known auction pedigree going back several years. Some of the coins are more academic in nature but plenty of them are both beautiful and pedigreed.

Admittedly I haven't gone through the entire world section as there are several Künker catalogs. The one that I did go through is the collection containing coins from the "Saxonia in Nummis" collection. For those interested in thalers you must check it out. My favorite lot is 4571 which features a beautiful butterfly on the obverse. It also happens to be the cover coin of the catalog. In any case, there are a lot of rarities to choose from.

A note about Künker auctions: you can not bid online for the Künker auctions. You either need to be in the auction room, on the phone or give your bids ahead of schedule. I've viewed the coins over the last few days and will be on the phone for whatever lots I am needed for. Should you want to have me phone bid for you. Let me know as soon as possible. I will be in contact with Künker staff should I need to call in at the last minute but this is not optimal as mistakes can always happen.

CNG Auction 430 (Oct 10)

CNG will hold their 430th e-sale with 760 lots. There are the usual Greek, Roman Republic, Roman and Byzantine coins for offer. Additionally there is a nice numismatic selection of books available as well. Some beautiful hard bound books so worth a look if you have a numismatic library you are working on. They even have a small selection of antiquities at the end of the sale. You can view their sale on Sixbid and Numisbids. If you need my help on this sale please get in touch.

Savoca 26th Online Auction (Oct 14)

Savoca runs regular online auctions with reasonably estimated coins. This auction has 598 ancient coins. I really like the reasonable starting prices in the auction. It's not to say that you won't pay market value for the coin but the chances are there to get a fantastic deal. The brother/sister team that run Savoca are very friendly and I seen them often at trade shows in both London and Munich.

Gorny & Mosch Auction 257 - (Oct 15-16)

G&M has a nice auction comprised of 1,036 coins for their ancients portion. It has been awhile since I attended a G&M auction because of timing conflicts. I'm happy to be able to go out for this auction as there seems to be some nice material on offer. There is a substantial Celtic section of 93 coins. The Greek section is varied but has some excellent offers on Sicilian coinage. The estimates for the auction are very reasonable and the quality high. I will be viewing G&M on the October 11 and 12 so please keep this in mind when giving me bids to allow for sufficient viewing. I'm happy to take bids after the 12th

but please don't expect auction notes. Most of the time the sales are so big that I need to focus mainly on customer bids or else I won't get through viewing.

Upcoming Trade Shows

There are two trade shows that I will be attending, one with a table and the other I am only attending. The first show that I am attending and not exhibiting is the Whitman Expo in Baltimore on October 26. I initially had a table for the show but I had to cancel this time due to this extraordinarily long trip I am on (I still have children I need to see sometimes!). That said I decided to come out for the day and so I can meet with anyone that wants to make an appointment with me. I'm planning to run for the ANA board of governors in this upcoming election so I'm taking the opportunity to meet with U.S. coin dealers that might not know me. I'll be the one with fliers in her hand and working the room like a politician.

From Nov 29-Dec 1 I will be attending the long awaited San Francisco Bourse. After the untimely death of dealer Tom Cederlind the show had no serious representation. This has now changed and the show will take place after an absence of 3 years. I've sent out postcards about this show to some of my customers. I hope if you live near San Francisco or if you just want a weekend getaway that you'll consider coming. San Francisco is a small venue but a fun show traditionally. I hope to see some of you there.



Coin of the Week

<https://www.shannaschmidt.com/greek-coins/lucania-metapontum-c-290-280-bc-1>

LUCANIA, Metapontum. c. 290-280 BC

AR Nomos, 7.95g (20mm, 3h). Head of Herakles left, wearing tainia, lion skin around neck; club over far shoulder / Grain ear with leaf to right; META up left field; kantharos above leaf, BI below

Pedigree: From the Gasvoda Collection. Ex Nomos 13 (7 October 2016), lot 115

Price: \$18,750

The coinage of Metapontum is synonymous with early incuse issues and the many variations of grain ears that were skilfully forged and struck. This beauty still features a grain ear with the city state name but it also has a rare and impressive image of Herakles on the obverse. The style is bold with a proud looking Herakles with high cheekbones and curly hair. He holds a club, his weapon of choice over his shoulder. It is an amazing piece of artistry.

This coin was struck much later than the incuse coinage and the city had lost some of its power as the earlier days. They were still nonetheless a wealthy city as evidenced by this coin.

References: Johnston Class D, 4.1 corr. (control letters on rev.; same dies); HN Italy 1621 corr. (same); Leu 61, lot 38 (same obv. die)

Grade: EF, deeply toned, minor edge split. Very rare with head left, and among the finest known

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If you are interested in this coin please click the link above or email me at shanna@shannaschmidt.com

Until next week!
Shanna

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